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**VIA ECF**

Honorable Richard M. Berman  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007-1312

**Re: United States of America v. Richard Gaffey, et al., 18 cr. 693 (RMB)**

Dear Judge Berman:

We represent defendant Richard Gaffey in the above-referenced matter. We are writing to respectfully request that the Court permit Mr. Gaffey not to appear at the conference scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, due to the relatively short notice, Mr. Gaffey's availability, and the related travel costs to Mr. Gaffey. Counsel will, of course, attend the conference. Counsel has conferred with the government, which has consented to this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Buehler".

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cc: Counsel of Record